GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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INS Vikrant
Senguttuvan Shri Balasubramaniam

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the indigenous aircraft carrier INS Vikrant has been undocked after structural work from the Cochin Shipyard and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has sanctioned all the required funds for outfitting INS Vikrant and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there has been any delay in the schedule of work envisaged for the aircraft carrier, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has also executed any contract with any foreign country for re-fitting the vessel with state-of-the-art aviation equipment and for the supply of the naval fighters that the carrier would carry; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the approximate time-frame within which the carrier is likely to be re-inducted into the navy?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (RAO INDERJIT SINGH)
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
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(a) Yes, Madam. The indigenous aircraft carrier INS Vikrant has been undocked post completion of underwater structural work.

(b) The Government has approved revision of cost of project to Rs.19,341 Crores.

(c) There has been delay in the work mainly due to non-availability of warship grade steel, delayed ordering of Propulsion System Integration and delay in Russian approvals for design and equipment supply of Aviation Facilities Complex.

(d) No, Madam.

(e) The vessel is a new acquisition. The targeted date of delivery to Indian Navy is December, 2018.

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